

HB 2206 -- NONPROFIT HOSPITALS

SPONSOR: Curtis

This bill prohibits a hospital or clinic operated by a hospital that provides services in a federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA) as of August 28, 2016, from ceasing to provide such services. Any hospital or hospital clinic that provided services in a federally designated HPSA and then ceased providing such services in such area on or after August 28, 2006 must establish and operate a primary care clinic in such area to be available 24 hours per day. The bill prohibits a covenant not to compete from being enforceable if it is ancillary to or party of an otherwise enforceable agreement with a nonprofit hospital organized under Missouri law. The bill applies to any covenant entered into on August 28, 2016, or after.